of Uttar Pradesh where there is acute shortage of drinking water;

(b) the details of steps taken by Government to meet the shortage of drinking water in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) by when Government propose to ensure required supply of drinking water to the affected cities and towns of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) Water Supply is a State subject. Urban Water Supply schemes are required to be formulated, executed, operated and maintained by the State Governments and local bodies with the funds available under the State Plan. The Central Govt. supplements the efforts of the State Governments by way of technical advice, development of trained man-power, research and development activities and in securing international cooperation and assistance.

Information regarding the names of cities and towns of Uttar Pradesh where there is acute shortage of drinking water and steps taken by the Government of Uttar Pradesh to meet the shorage are being obained and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Change in pricing policy of fertilizers

232. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make certain changes in the pricing policy of fertilizers so that the fertilizer producing units especially in the public sector do not lose financially; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) This matter is constantly under review by Government. No decision has yet been taken.

Houses Built in Madhya Pradesh under Indira Awas Yojana

233. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of residential houses built in Madhya Pradesh so far under the Indira Awas Yojana and what is the target for the current financial year;

(b) by when the target is likely to be achieved to provide shelter to all the rural homeless people under the above schemes and similar other schemes; and

(c) whether adequate financial provision would be made for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) In the State of Madhya Pradesh, 13034 houses have been constructed up to June, 1988 under the Indira Awas Yojana. During the current financial year i.e. 1988-89, as against the target of 11407 dwelling units, 2237 houses are reported to have been constructed up to 30-9-1988.

(b) and (c) As per 1981 census, the houseless population in the rural areas of Madhya Pradesh, was estimated 2.78 lakhs. Besides the scheme of Indira Awas Yojana, implemented since 1985, the schemes of House-sites-cum-Construction Assistance is being operated under the Minimum Needs Programme in the State. During the 6th and 7th Plan, upto 30th Sept., 1988, 3.08 lakh and 2.77 lakh families are reported to have been provided house-sites and construction assistance respectively. The number of units to be constructed under the Indira Awas Yojana are planned by the State Governments